

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please delete originally filed Figs. 1 and 2.

The attached appendix of drawings include changes to originally filed Figures 3, 4, 5A, 5, 6A, and 6 which have been re-numbered as Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The appendix also includes changes to originally filed Fig. 8.

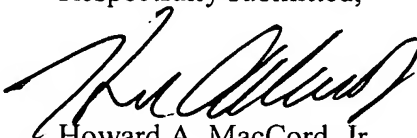
Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

Remarks

By this amendment the Applicant has deleted matter related to non-elected inventions. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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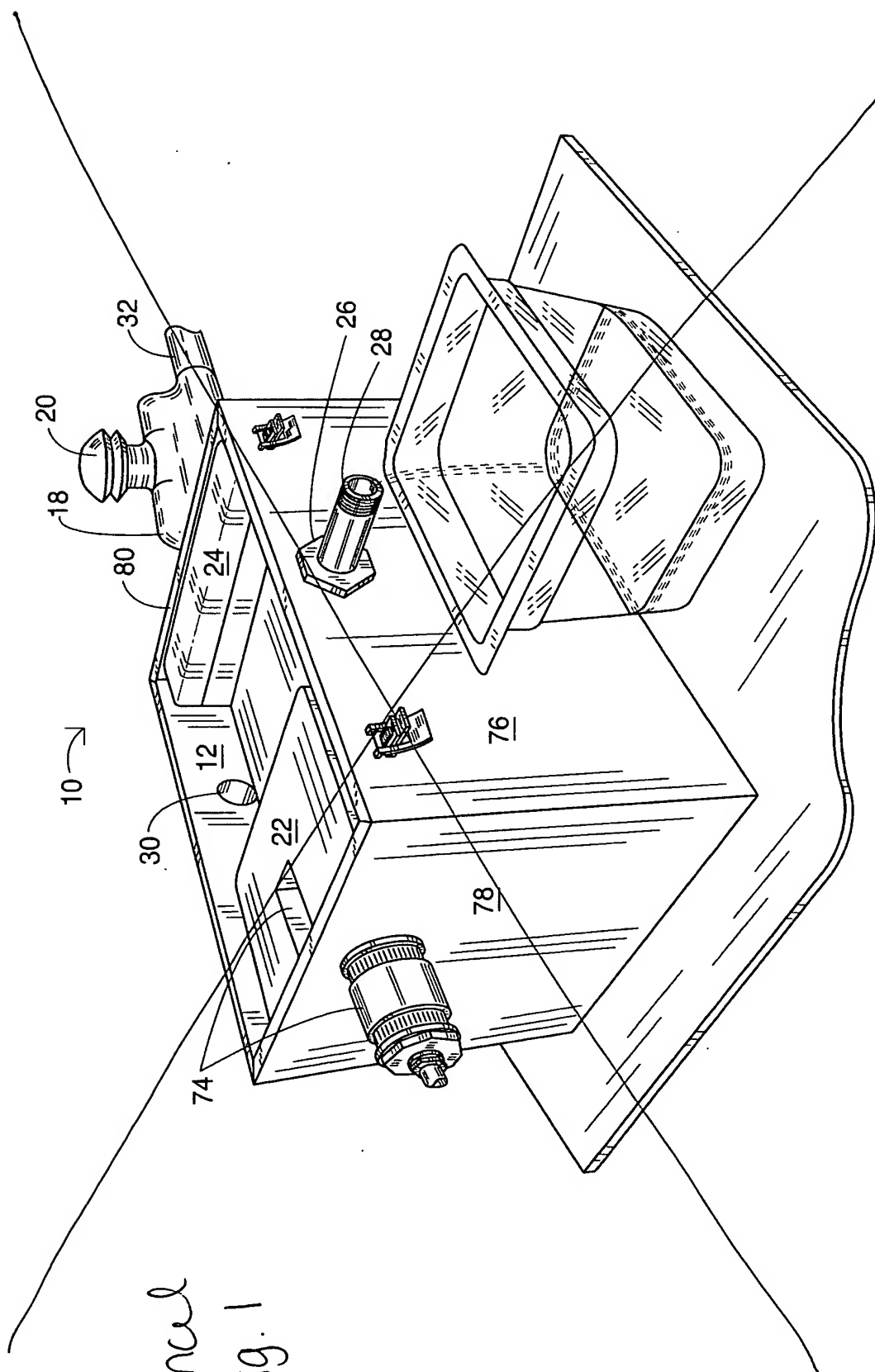
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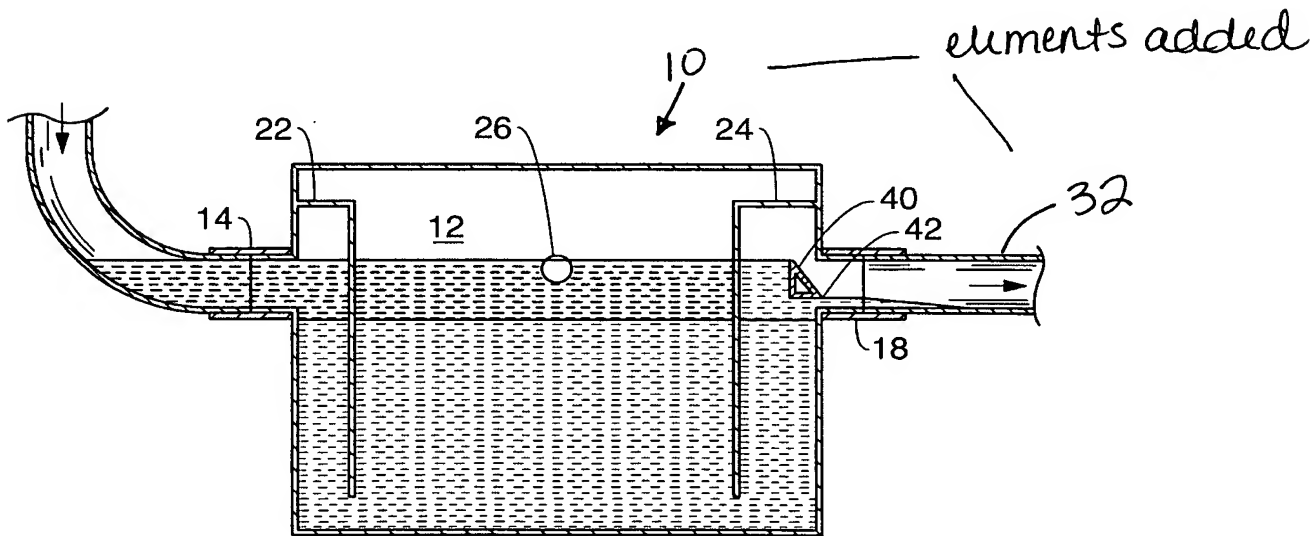
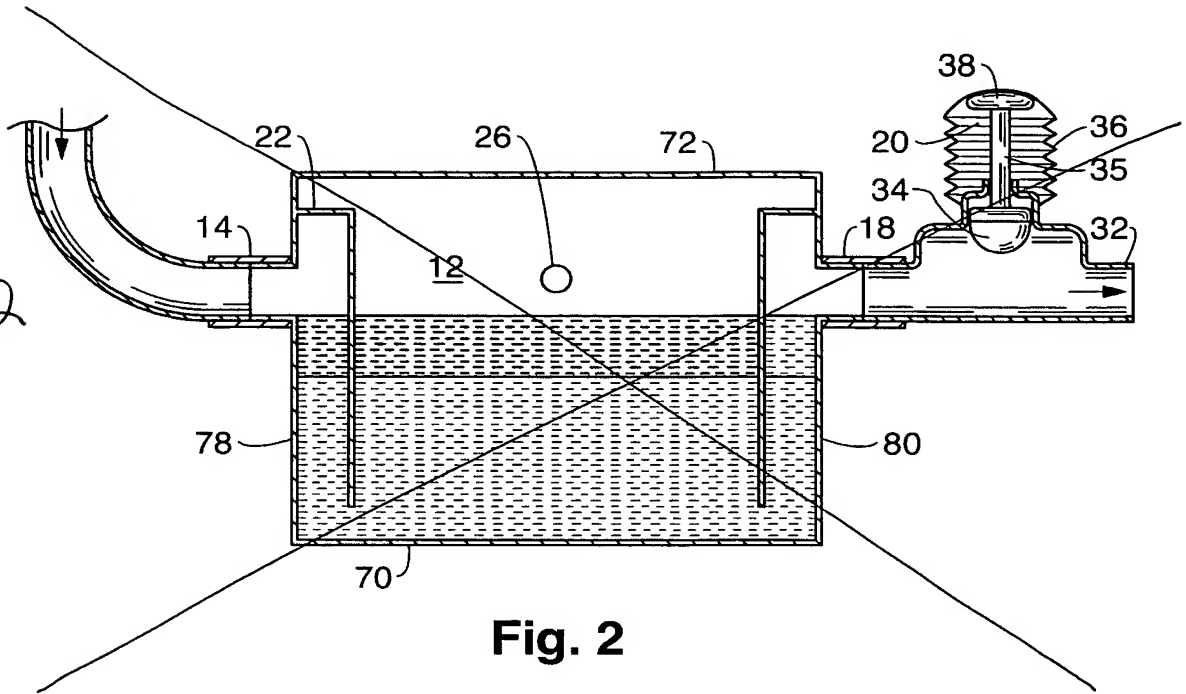
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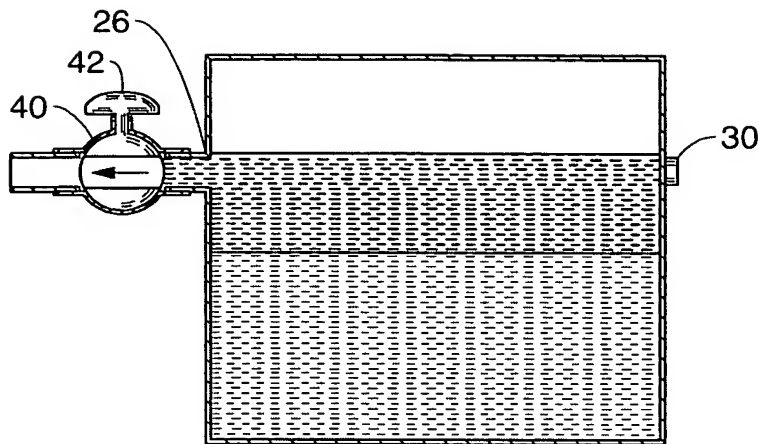
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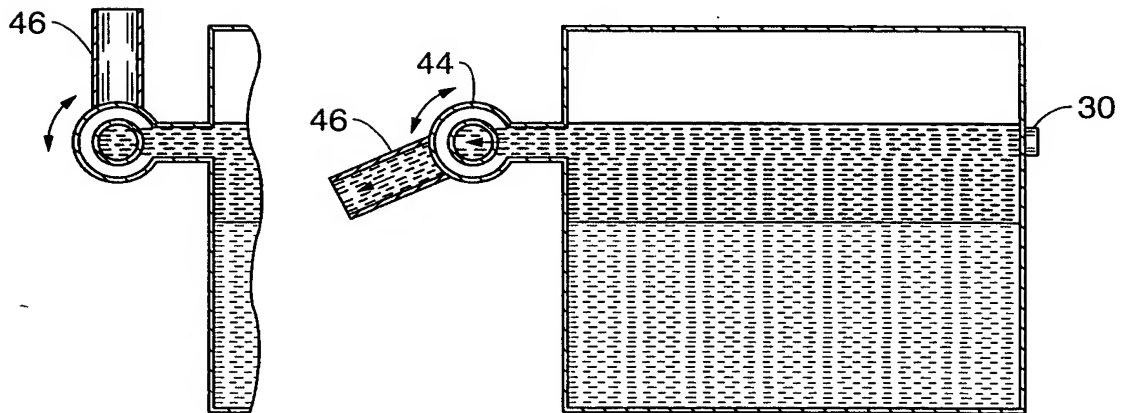


~~Fig. 3~~

Fig. 1 — Renumbered figure



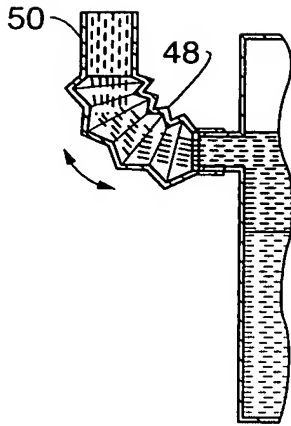
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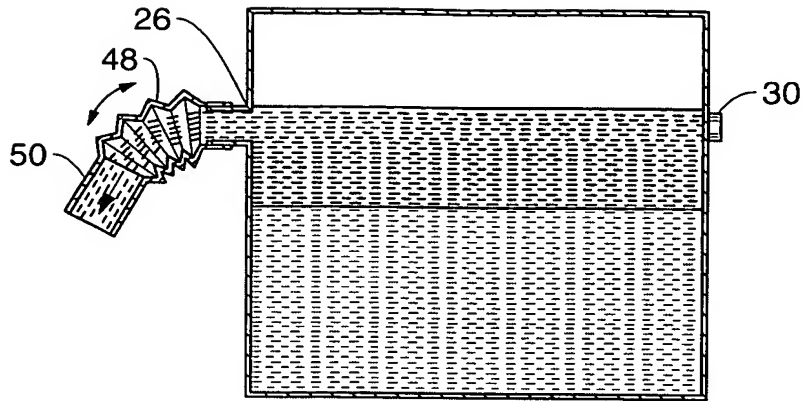
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Fig. 6



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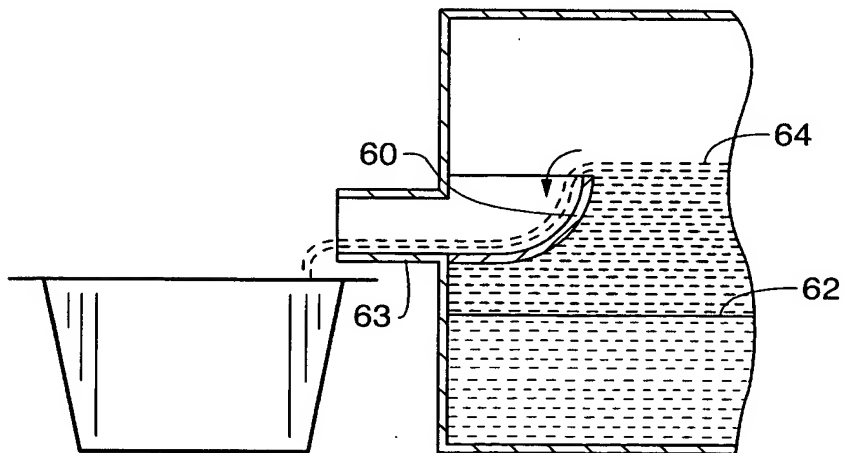


Fig. 7

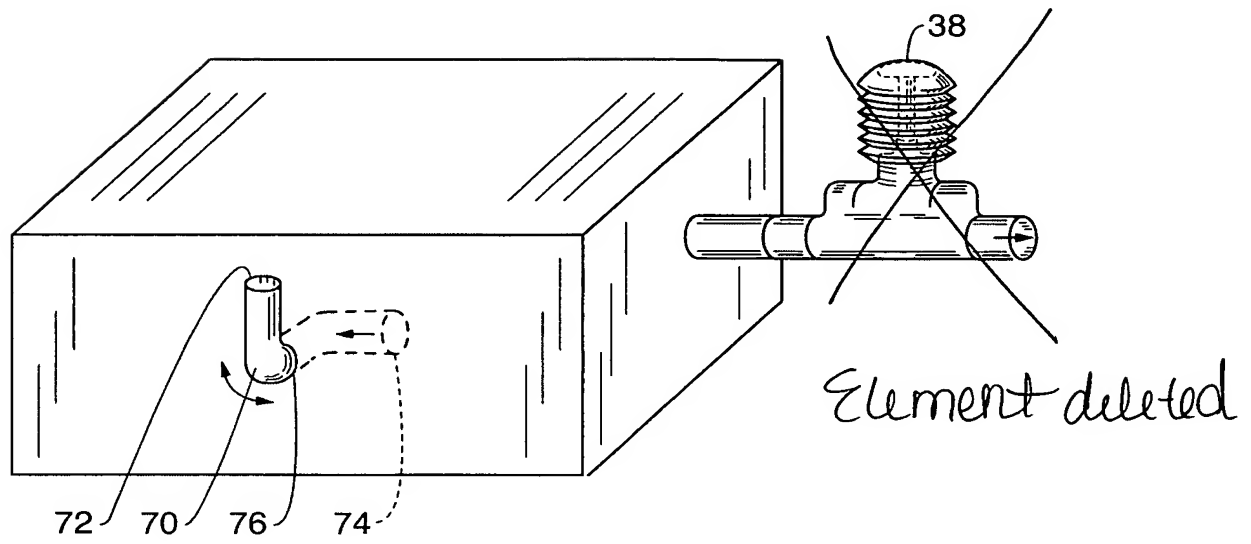


Fig. 8